

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An interactive computer method for managing a project, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing a plurality of information modules in an interactive computer system to control at least two or more of project planning, establishing and tracking project tasks, allowing access to documents and information in any module, providing issue resolution, reviewing project progress, tracking project finances, scheduling and attending meetings, requesting information, reporting project data, and controlling changes to project documents;

defining authorized individuals who have access to ~~an~~ the interactive computer system providing electronic data interchange for a project;

~~opening~~ creating an electronic collaboration center in one of the modules on the computer system for the time disjointed electronic interaction of authorized individuals on the project;

determining in the collaboration center access to the collaboration center by the authorized individuals;

defining a collaboration in the collaboration center including a collaboration leader and a collaboration summary and including at least one of a collaboration purpose, a collaboration action plan and a deadline for the ~~project~~ collaboration; ~~and~~

accepting input information at the collaboration center from authorized individuals to facilitate resolution of a project issue relating to at least one of the collaboration purpose, the collaboration action plan, and the deadline; ~~and~~

using the collaboration center for planning and resolving a collaboration purpose.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the

steps of:

allowing all authorized individuals to perform at least one of review, submit, author, and change data and to interact with other authorized individuals electronically in the collaboration center.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

notifying all authorized individuals of a change in at least one of the collaboration purpose, the deadline, the collaboration action plan, and input information.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

forwarding one of a question and an issue involving at least one element of the collaboration to be decided by all authorized project individuals;

accepting votes of authorized individuals for the issue on at least one element of the collaboration;

making a decision by the project leader on the issue based in part on the votes; and

displaying the results of the vote.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of: maintaining and displaying the status of each collaboration.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

providing the collaboration center with the capability of receiving

documents attached to user authorized individual responses.

7. - 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~8~~ 1 further comprising the step of:

using bi-directional electronic mail interaction between authorized individuals and the information modules.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of:~~ An interactive computer method for managing a project, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing a plurality of information modules in an interactive computer system to control at least two or more of project planning, establishing and tracking project tasks, allowing access to documents and information in any module, providing issue resolution, reviewing project progress, tracking project finances, scheduling and attending meetings, requesting information, reporting project data, and controlling changes to project documents;

defining authorized individuals who have access to the interactive computer system providing electronic data interchange for a project;

linking ~~allowing each~~ at least two of the information modules to be linked for bi-directional data interchange between each module-;

providing a project plan having a plurality of items;

linking each item to a set of tasks;

linking any item and task to an issue describing a problem and a call for action;

linking all of the information and actions associated with the Issue to the

tasks and the project plan item.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 8 wherein the step of requesting information further comprises the step of:~~ An interactive computer method for managing a project, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing a plurality of information modules in an interactive computer system to control at least two or more of project planning, establishing and tracking project tasks, allowing access to documents and information in any module, providing issue resolution, reviewing project progress, tracking project finances, scheduling and attending meetings, requesting information, reporting project data, and controlling changes to project documents;

defining authorized individuals who have access to the interactive computer system providing electronic data interchange for a project;

defining by a project leader a plurality of organizational categories; and  
specifying the name of at least one authorized individual as the request recipients recipient for each defined organization categories category.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim & 12 wherein the step of requesting information further comprises the steps of:

issuing a request for information;

~~designating forwarding a designated recipient for the request for~~  
information to a designated request recipient;

providing the designated request recipient with the capability of one of replying directly to a requestor of the request for information, delegating the request for information to a designated delegate recipient with the capability for the designated delegate recipient to respond directly to a requestor of the request for information[;], and

~~providing the designated recipient with the capability of delegating the request for~~  
information to a designated delegate recipient and ~~solely receiving a reply~~ reviewing  
the response from the designated delegate recipient prior to delivering the response to the  
requestor.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 8 wherein the step of~~  
~~reviewing project progress further comprises the steps of:~~

An interactive computer method for managing a project, the method  
comprising the steps of:

establishing a plurality of information modules in an interactive computer  
system to control at least two or more of project planning, establishing and tracking  
project tasks, allowing access to documents and information in any module, providing  
issue resolution, reviewing project progress, tracking project finances, scheduling and  
attending meetings, requesting information, reporting project data, and controlling  
changes to project documents;

defining authorized individuals who have access to the interactive  
computer system providing electronic data interchange for a project;

issuing a request for project data-review by an authorized project  
individual;

designating a plurality of designated recipients for of the review request  
by an authorized individual; and

providing for a reply from the plurality of designated review requests by  
one in parallel from each designated review recipient and in series-from all of the  
designated delegated recipients;

providing for the delivery of the review request to the designated recipients  
in one of:

directly in parallel providing each of the designated recipients with the  
capability of one of replying to the review request directly, delegating the review request

to a designated delegate with the capability for the designated delegate to respond directly to a requestor of the request for review, and delegating the request for review to a designated recipient with the designated recipient's response routed to the designated recipient for review prior to delivery to the requestor;

and to a designated first recipient directly;

providing the first designated recipient of one of replying to the review request for direct delivery, delegating the request for review to a designated delegate with the capability for the designated delegate to respond directly to a requestor of the request for review delegating the request for review to a designated recipient with the designated recipient's response routed to the first designated recipient for review prior to the requestor; and

serially delegating the review request to a next designated recipient having the same reply and delegating options to deliver a reply to requestor.

15 – 33 (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~19~~ 9 further comprising the steps of:

providing an electronic mail response capability for at least certain of the requests and notifications issued in any of the information modules allowing an authorized user to respond to the request and notification by direct electronic mail reply; and

the information modules automatically documenting the reply and any documents attached to the reply in the appropriate information module by updating the information in the appropriate information module.

35. - 40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

providing an electronic notepad for each authorized individual to make personal notes about any item of information in the network relating to the project[.];  
and attaching the personal notes to the items of information for use only by the authorized individual.

42. (Cancelled).

43. (New) The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of:  
using bi-directional electronic mail interaction between authorized individuals and the information modules.

44. (New) The method of claim 43 further comprising the steps of:  
providing an electronic mail response capability for at least certain of the requests and notifications issued in any of the information modules allowing an authorized user to respond to the request and notification by direct electronic mail reply;  
and

the information modules automatically documenting the reply and any documents attached to the reply in the appropriate information module by updating the information in the appropriate information module.

45. (New) The method of claim 43 further comprising the step of:  
providing an electronic notepad for each authorized individual to make personal notes about any item of information in the network relating to the project; and  
attaching the personal notes to the items of information for use only by the authorized individual.

46. (New) The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of:  
using bi-directional electronic mail interaction between authorized  
individuals and the information modules.

47. (New) The method of claim 46 further comprising the step of:  
providing an electronic mail response capability for at least certain of the  
requests and notifications issued in any of the information modules allowing an  
authorized user to respond to the request and notification by direct electronic mail reply;  
and

the information modules automatically documenting the reply and any  
documents attached to the reply in the appropriate information module by updating the  
conformation in the appropriate information module.

48. (New) The method of claim 47 further comprising the step of:  
providing an electronic notepad for each authorized individual to make  
personal notes about any item of information in the network relating to the project, and  
attaching the personal notes to the items of information for use only by the authorized  
individual.

49. (New) The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of:  
using bi-directional electronic mail interaction between authorized  
individuals and the information modules.

50. (New) The method of claim 49 further comprising the step of:  
providing an electronic mail response capability for at least certain of the  
requests and notifications issued in any of the information modules allowing an



authorized user to respond to the request and notification by direct electronic mail reply;  
and

the information modules automatically documenting the reply and any documents attached to the reply in the appropriate information module by updating the conformation in the appropriate information module.

51. (New) The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of:  
providing an electronic notepad for each authorized individual to make personal notes about any item of information in the network relating to the project[.];  
and attaching the personal notes to the items of information for use only by the authorized individual.